

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant editorially amends claims 18. The amendments to claim 18 were made for improved conformity with the US practice, and do not narrow the literal scope of the claims and thus do not implicate an estoppel in the application of the doctrine of equivalents.

I. Preliminary Matters

As preliminary matters, Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority and for indicating receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for returning the initialed form PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 12, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return an initialed form PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 10, 2007.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating acceptance of the drawing figures filed on April 12, 2005.

II. Summary of the Office Action

The Examiner objected to the specification and rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-17 are allowed.

III. Objection to the Specification

The title of the invention is objected to as being not descriptive. In view of self-explanatory amendments to the title, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to now withdraw this objection.

IV. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 is not software *per se* as it recites at least: “a main computer unit and a recording apparatus.” Accordingly, the system of claim 18 is statutory. It is appropriate and necessary for the Examiner to withdraw this rejection of claim 18.

V. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-17 are allowed. Applicant does not acquiesce to any inferences or presumptions drawn from the Examiner’s statement regarding the reasons for allowance.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. **If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.**

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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